



## Area 4 Developmental Disabilities Board

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## "R-Word" Dropped by SSA

The Social Security Administration has [proposed](#) to replace the term "mental retardation" with "intellectual disability" in their Listing of Impairments used to evaluate claims involving mental disorders in adults and children under titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act (Act) and in other appropriate sections of their rules.

In October 2010, Congress passed Rosa's Law, which changed references to "mental retardation" in specified Federal laws to "intellectual disability," and references to "a mentally retarded individual" to "an individual with an intellectual disability." Rosa's Law also required the Federal agencies to change their regulations accordingly.

## Campaign for Disability Employment

"The U.S. Department of Labor's [Campaign for Disability Employment](#) last week released a new video public service announcement (PSA) in its "What can YOU do?" public outreach initiative.

The "What can YOU do?" initiative reinforces the reality that people with disabilities want to work, and that they can positively impact businesses both financially and organizationally. ....

See the [What Can You Do video](#)

# Assistive Technology Resource Fair

## Assistive Technology Resource Fair iPads & Apps

- *Learn about resources available to school districts, staff, students, and families.*
- *Learn about apps that support access to the core curriculum for students with disabilities.*
- *Connect with other educators and parents to provide ideas and encouragement to create positive changes in our students' lives.*

March 19, 2013  
4:00 – 6:00 pm  
MIND Institute Auditorium  
2825 50th Street, Sacramento, CA 95817

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## Innovative Practices for Integrated Employment

The California Employment Consortium for Youth and Young Adults with Intellectual and Other Developmental Disabilities (CECY) lead by the Tarjan Center of the University of California Los Angeles awarded seven grants as part of the “Let’s Go To Work California!” Initiative.

The grant awardees will, “.... shed light on specific barriers to employment and describe new solutions that can be utilized by programs across the state. These solutions include: using hybrid funding streams to overcome forced tracking, obtaining industry certificates to become more competitive in the job market, creating collaborations to increase job development capacity after funding cuts, and more.

For more information on the “Let’s Go To Work California!” awardees contact:  
Karen Leventhal at [kleventhal@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:kleventhal@mednet.ucla.edu)

Project summaries at <http://www.semel.ucla.edu/tarjan/news/13/jan/16/lets-go-work-grantees-announced>

## Transition to Employment Legislation

Rep. Gregg Harper (R–Miss.) reintroduced a [legislative package](#) that aims to redesign federal programs for individuals living with intellectual disabilities as they transition from secondary school to the workforce.

The three bills, collectively referred to as the “Transition toward Excellence, Achievement and Mobility” (TEAM Act), intend for intellectually disabled citizens to gain full-time employment in an integrated setting at a livable wage.

## Tool Kits for Self Advocacy

Tool kits designed for self-advocacy groups to train members and reach their goals are available on topics:

1. Self-Determination and You,
2. Working Together for Change, and
3. Planning and Giving a Presentation

To learn more about the toolkits, click on [self advocacy toolkits](#)

## Section 8 Alert for Napa County

Thanks to Mary Eble of the North Bay Housing Coalition for this news:

“For those of you working in Napa County—there’s a chance that the Section 8 list will close for applications so if you know of anyone who needs to get on the list...now is the time!

Here is a link to the online application: <https://www.waitlistcheck.com/application/form.php?ID=2313-CA073>

If you want to check on the status of one’s Section 8 application: [www.waitlistcheck.com](http://www.waitlistcheck.com) or 888.442.0328.

## Area Board Calendar and Resources

Visit our web page at <http://www.scdd.ca.gov/areaboard4.htm> for information on meetings and resources. Our **Legislative & Public Policy Committee** meets on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm. Go to our [web page](#) to find out where. The public is welcome.

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